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AND OLIGONUCLEOTIDE

ANALOGUE

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of August 22, 2000, for which a two month extension of time to respond is hereby requested, please enter the following amendment:

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Page 3, please replace original paragraph 2 with new paragraph 2 as follows:

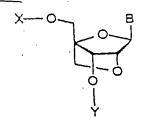
The structure of a nucleoside analogue according to the present invention is a nucleoside analogue of the following general formula (I)

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where B is a pyrimidine or purine nucleic acid base, or an analogue thereof, and X and Y are identical or different,